PATENT

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Docket No.: HUCKEMANN

In re Application of:

BRUNO HUCKEMANN et al.

Appl. No.: 10/599,568

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For: CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
DISPLACING AT LEAST ONE MACHINE
AXIS OF A MACHINE TOOL OR
PRODUCTION MACHINE

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed three forms PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification, in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2005/051220, in a German Office Action issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 10 2004 016 121.6 and in a short search regarding the invention disclosure, respectively.

Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. Please note that on one of the forms PTO-1449 the publication date of the references is listed as "DD-MM-YYYY". The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(2), so that no fee is due.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), so that no fee is due.

In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, an English language abstract of all German patents is provided. Furthermore, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

German Publication "Mobiles Maschinen- und Prozessinteraktionssystem" [Mobile machine and process interaction system] describes control elements with force feedback in the form of handwheels or three-axis joysticks, wherein a representation of the operating forces occurring are fed back to the operator through the control element by means of a force feedback device. Such feedback devices, which model the operating forces occurring for the benefit of the operator, are also specifically referred to in the trade as so-called tactile feedback devices, although, there is no perception by touch of the feedback signal in the strict sense of the word. In the case of tactile feedback, the forces occurring during the machining process are passed on to the control element in reduced modified form in order to give the operator a mechanical appreciation of the forces occurring during the machining process

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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